



As the coronavirus continues to impact our community we have introduced new measures to protect the health and wellbeing of our community and employees. The Town will continue to operate to the best of its ability however our administration office is now open by appointment only.

We ask that you please; consult our website for information, forms and plans, contact the Town on 9285 5000 or, if necessary, book an appointment prior to visiting our office. If you have recently travelled overseas or interstate, have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have flu like symptoms, please refrain from visiting the Town's administration building. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming community events and all private bookings at Town of Cottesloe facilities including the War Memorial Hall and Lesser Hall have now been cancelled. Any pre-paid fees have been refunded.

The Grove Library is closed. Visit [www.thegrovelibrary.net](http://www.thegrovelibrary.net) for a range of online services or contact them during business hours on 9286 8686. The Library is working on new ways to deliver a take away and home delivery service. Like or follow their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/thegrovelibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/thegrovelibrary/) for updates.

There are no changes to the collection of general waste, green waste and recycling bins. Please continue to place your bins out for your usual collections.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

The Town of Cottesloe takes the Government enforced social distancing requirements seriously, and is actively communicating this in the Town.

Notices have been placed along the foreshore and in Town shopping precincts to remind our community and visitors in Cottesloe of the importance of social distancing. If Rangers see large groups of people congregating together at the beach (or in parks and reserves) they will offer reminders about social distancing requirements. Surf Life Saving Western Australia will report non-compliance of social distancing and gatherings to government authorities to action accordingly. Please practice social distancing when you are out in any public place.

## PUBLIC AMENITIES

Playgrounds and outdoor exercise equipment in the Town are now closed for use. The Town has increased the frequency of cleaning at public toilets and drinking fountains. Due to the risk of possible transmission of coronavirus from surfaces however, we ask that you please help us protect the health of our community;

- Wash your hands/use hand sanitiser before and after using public facilities.
- When using a drinking fountain, allow the water to run for up to five seconds to test the flow before drinking, do not place your mouth or lips on the spout of the fountain.



The Town of Cottesloe is responding to Coronavirus (COVID-19) as advised by the Federal and State Government, and the health and safety of our community and Town employees is our highest priority.

This is without a doubt a difficult and unprecedented time for us all, as we confront the reality of the coronavirus and the impact on our community, Western Australia, the rest of our country and across the globe.

I would like to thank our community – the residents and local businesses for everything they are doing to help and support each other at this time.

We must work together to slow the spread of this virus. Please continue to help each other and follow the guidance from Government; stay at home as much as possible, keep at least two metres away from other people and practice good hygiene.

The Town of Cottesloe is committed to ensuring that services to our community are impacted as minimally as possible in the event that staff availability becomes impacted by COVID-19.

The Town has developed a Work Continuity Plan to enable us to operate as 'business as usual' for the foreseeable future. We are also currently working on ways to provide support to our residents and business community while we continue to deliver these essential services.

On behalf of the Town I thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time. This is a rapidly changing situation and the Town will continue to liaise with Federal and State Governments and implement changes as necessary. Please visit our website at [www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au](http://www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au) for regular updates.

**Mayor Phil Angers**  
Town of Cottesloe



## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

The Town of Cottesloe is working with Celia Hammond MP, Federal Member for Curtin to support the 'Curtin Community Care' campaign, established to provide support and assistance to people in the community who may need it. To find out more please get in touch with Celia's office on 9388 0288 or [celia.hammond.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:celia.hammond.mp@aph.gov.au). If you can volunteer your time to assist others visit [www.celiahammond.com.au/covid19help](http://www.celiahammond.com.au/covid19help).

Members from our wonderful community have created the Cottesloe Community Care Group on Facebook for anyone who lives or works in Cottesloe. The page offers support, help and advice in this time of need. To join the group search for Cottesloe Community Care Group in Facebook or use the link [www.facebook.com/groups/194181262001472/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/194181262001472/).

Local not-for-profit aged care support service SHINE Community Services has closed its centre based activities however is still offering a range of in-home support services. To find out more contact them on 9253 5555 or [reception@shinecs.com.au](mailto:reception@shinecs.com.au).

## BUSINESS SUPPORT

We understand that this is a difficult time for local business and the Town of Cottesloe is working on ways to provide support to our business community. Any businesses that are temporarily closed can immediately suspend their waste collection service and the associated fees.

We know our food businesses are committed to food safety and the Town is offering the opportunity for food handlers to complete an online FoodSafe course. Please contact the Town's Environmental Health Services on 9285 5000 for a link to access this course free of charge.

## SUPPORT LOCAL

Now more than ever, we encourage you to support local. In response to COVID-19 limits, cafes and restaurants are now restricted to take away service only, and many of our local favourites are offering this. Some local restaurants also offer delivery (some are dedicated to supporting seniors and vulnerable community members). Please contact your favourite local to find out what they offer.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

All future Council Meetings and Agenda Forums will now be held electronically. Unfortunately this means that members from the public will be unable to participate directly. Questions or statements can be lodged prior to the meeting at [council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au). Responses will be in writing and agendas/minutes will be available as usual on the Town's website. If an in-person meeting is required it will be held in the War Memorial Hall at Cottesloe Civic Centre. The next Agenda Forum will be held on Tuesday, 21 April at 6pm and the next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 April at 6pm.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings will proceed if they are urgent. Advertised Committee Meetings will be held electronically or not at all. Questions or statements can be lodged prior to the meeting at [council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au). Please contact the Town on 9285 5000 for further advice regarding Committee Meetings.

## STAY IN TOUCH

It's easy to join our Residents and Ratepayers Database. Visit [www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/contact-us.aspx](http://www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/contact-us.aspx) and complete the online registration form under Mailing List.

You can also visit and like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/townofcottesloe](https://www.facebook.com/townofcottesloe) to receive all the latest information in your news feed.

## MORE INFORMATION

For the most up to date information and advice about this global crisis we encourage our community to visit the Western Australian Department of Health website at [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus) or contact the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

You can also visit the Australian Government Health Department website at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au).

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